



THE RICE COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
408 Division Street, Northfield, MN 55057

2005 Spring Issue

The Rice County Genealogical Society meets at 2:00 p.m. on the 3rd Tuesday on even months at the Rice County Historical Society Museum, 1814 NW 2nd Avenue, Faribault, and on odd months in the Marston Headley Research Room in the lower level of the Northfield Historical Society Building, 408 Division Street, Northfield. Meetings are suspended during June, July and August.

MEETING DATES:

Apr. 19, 2005
May 2, 2005 (Special)

May 9, 2005 (Special)
May 17, 2005

Sept. 20, 2005
Oct. 18, 2005
Nov. 15, 2005

Dec. 20, 2005

Jan. 18, 2006
Feb. 15, 2006
Mar. 15, 2006

Faribault: 2:00 p.m. regular meeting
Dundas: 10:00 a.m. meet at Bridgewater Town Hall to inspect and extract relevant information for members
Dundas: 10:00 a.m. 2nd Bridgewater Town Hall trip
Northfield: 2:00 regular meeting Approve the Spring 2005 Newsletter and set date for printing and mailing.
Northfield: 2:00 p.m. regular meeting.
Faribault: 2:00 regular meeting. Newsletter items due
Northfield: 2:00 regular meeting. Approve the Fall 2005 Newsletter and set date for printing and mailing. Election of officers for 2006. Dues for 2006 due.
Faribault: 11:30 Annual Christmas get-together at The Depot. 2:00 short meeting at the Rice Co. Historical Society Museum. Final date for 2006 dues to be paid.
Northfield: 2:00 regular meeting.
Faribault: 2:00 regular meeting.
Northfield: 2:00 regular meeting. Newsletter items due

OFFICERS:

President.....Veronica Grant
Vice President.....Audrey DeMann
Secretary-Treasurer.....Dorothy Herkenratt

Dues are for the calendar year and are \$10 for an individual and \$12 for a family.
The newsletter is included with membership

Members currently are actively working on their family lines and in searching out the history of those who came to live in or who passed through Rice County. When we have queries from others not in our family lines who seek help on their research projects, we refer them to one of our current members who is willing to do research for a fee. To secure more information on services she offers and her fee schedule, please contact her directly: Norma Gilbertson, 808 E. 5th St., Northfield, MN 55057 Ph.: 507-664-9591 e.mail: njgilber@rconnect.com

Most Fridays the Marston Headley Research Room will be manned. Please call ahead to schedule research on other days.

REPRINT of Dorothy Chester Herkenratt's *Rice Gleanings* page for the Fall '04 issue of the *Rice County Historian*, a publication of the Rice County Historical Society, 1814 NW 2nd Avenue, Faribault, MN.

RICE GLEANINGS

From The Rice County Genealogical Society

Please note that in the last issue of *The Rice County Historian* the name of the book for corrections to photo captions was omitted from our *Rice Gleanings* page. The book is

NOSTALGIC NORTHFIELD faces & places Presented by the Northfield News
ISBN: 1-891395-87-4 Published by Pediment Publishing, a division of The Pediment Group, Inc., Vancouver, WA

For those not receiving *Rice Gleanings*, please add this information to your last copy of *The Rice County Historian*.

We are pleased to announce that we have received from John and Jan Dalby a copy of their *Book of All Known Sailors and Soldiers, of Rice County, Minnesota, Who Were Killed in Action and Those Wounded and Died Soon After, From the Civil War, World War I, World War II, Korea and Vietnam*. which has been placed in our genealogical library in the Marston Headley Research Room at the Northfield Historical Society Museum.

The Index of Birth and Death Records appearing in the last several issues of *Rice Gleanings* and compiled by Rice County Genealogical Society member Audrey DeMann is now completed. Her plan was to print a few of the earliest births and deaths in the hope someone might be helped in finding names of ancestors. These records were copied only from the First Book beginning in 1870. She found that illegitimate births originally recorded in the birth records were "blacked out" when the record keeper was instructed to do so at a later date. Such birth records can now be found only at the state level or possibly in church records. The Rice County records from which Audrey compiled her lists are found in the Government Center in Faribault, MN. However, one is not allowed to photo copy these records and Audrey hopes she correctly copied the information just as recorded, including some misspellings, etc., in the original records.

The Marston Headley Research Room in the Northfield Historical Society Museum will now be staffed on Friday afternoons by Norma Gilbertson and other days by chance by other members of the Genealogical Society. Also, some of our Society members are willing to aid researchers by appointment. These appointments can be arranged by calling the Northfield Historical Society Museum at 507-645-9268 and leaving a request as members are not always immediately available. Written requests for help can be addressed to the Rice County Genealogical Society, 408 Division St., Northfield 55057. It should also be noted that when we have queries from individuals not in our family lines who seek help on their research projects, we refer them to one of our members who is willing to do research for a fee. To secure more information on the services she offers and her fee schedule, please contact her directly: Norma Gilbertson, 808 E. 5th St., Northfield, MN 55057 Ph.: 507-664-9591 e.mail: njgilber@rconnect.com.

Currently some of our Society members are starting the daunting task of cataloging our holdings, something which has never been done. Harriet Berg and Norma Gilbertson have assumed the task of sorting and shelving the genealogies and books as both are experienced in the cataloging of items for a library. Audrey DeMann and Arlene Williams are alphabetizing and filing the obituary card holdings as well as magazines and newsletters for the last five years. Older items which could be of use to those doing genealogy have been stored until they can be sorted and cataloged. Part of the task also is to discard or give to another society older items and publications which no longer have relevance to those searching for ancestors in Rice County as our space at the Northfield Historical Society Museum is quite limited. However, if anyone has items such as old Rice County Directories, maps, yearbooks, etc., as well as a good used computer and printer to donate to our society, we would be most grateful to receive them.

NOTICE: Please remember that meetings are discontinued during June, July and August. Special meetings may be called at the discretion of the president, Veronia Grant, or vice president, Audrey DeMann, and members will be notified.

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Information on The Rice County Genealogical Society:

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Dues: Dues for the calendar year currently are \$10 for an individual and \$12 for a family.

Officers for 2005:	President:	Veronica Grant	Ph: 507-645-8960
	Vice President:	Audrey DeMann	Ph: 507-645-6278
	Secretary-Treasurer:	Dorothy Herkenratt	Ph: 507-334-3481

Despite the aftermath of the ice storm, the Annual Christmas get-together December 21st at The Depot was attended by nine intrepid souls, although only six remained to attend the short meeting at the Rice County Historical Society Museum that afternoon.

We are pleased to report that we have received a gift of the following items from Mary and Ralph Halbert, members of RCGS from St. Paul:

1. Mary's pictorial family history: *Lars Halvorsen Kaasa & Kari Olsdatter - The Ronehaug Larsdatter Lee Branch* -
2. *Ancestry's Red Book* by Alice Eichholz, PhD. C.G.
3. *Bibliography of American County Histories* by P. W. Filby
4. *Climb It Right* by John & Carolyn Cosgriff
5. *Compendium of Historical Sources* by Ronald Bremer
6. *Family History Record Book* by Jas. B. Bell
7. *Family Unit Method To Organizing Research* by James T. Martin
8. *Genealogical Gazetteer of Scotland* by Frank Smith, FSG
9. *Getting Started* handbook by National Archives
10. *Guide to the Records of MN Public Lands - 1985* MN Historical Soc. Director of Archives & Manuscripts
11. *Handbook on Irish Genealogy* by Heraldic Artists Ltd.
12. *Holdings of Genealogical Value in MN County Museums - 1986* by Lucille L. Kirkeby
13. *International Vital Records Handbook: Births, Marriages & Deaths* by Thos. Jay Kemp
14. *Manuscripts Collections - Guide 2 - 1980* by James E. Fogerty, Director of Archives & Manuscripts
15. *Manuscripts Collections of MN Historical Society - Guide No. 3* by Lydia A. Lucas
16. *Meyers Directory USA/Canada* by Mary K. Meyer, Editor
17. *MN State Archives - Preliminary Checklists - 1979* by MN Historical Society
18. *Scandinavian Roots/American Lives* by Nordic Council of Ministers
19. *The Archives - National Archives Guide* by Szucs & Luebking
20. *The Library Guide to LDS Family History Library* by Johni, Cerny & Elliot
21. *The Source* by Arlene Eakle & John Cerny
22. *Where To Write For Vital Records* by Consumer Educational Research Center, NJ
23. Pamphlet - *Aids for Genealogical Research*
- 24-27. 4 small catalogs: *U.S. Vital Records - Aids by Ancestry in Salt Lake, UT*

The items are being shelved in our library at the Marston Headley Research Room at the Northfield Historical Society Museum and will be available to researchers.

The next project we will be undertaking as soon as weather permits is the copying of the township records of Forest Township. It is planned that one copy will be housed in the Marston Headley Research Room and a second with Forest Township so that the originals can be archived with the copies accessible to the public.

Report on the CWSS System

Carl Witcher, the Historical Genealogy Manager of the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, IN, reported on the CWSS System in the Winter 2004, Volume 16 Number 4 issue of Federation of Genealogical Societies' FGS Forum. (See pages 31 and 32.) He says the Civil War Soldiers and Sailors System was a cooperative project of the Federation of Genealogical Societies, the Genealogical Society of Utah/Family History Department, the National Park Service, and the National Archives and that the system has now been completed and reborn. His article includes the following:

"..... At the same time (September 27, 2004), a new Web address for the site (CWSS) was announced: <www.civilwar.nps.gov>.

"..... the CWSS site makes available tremendous quantities of information and opens significant research avenues to genealogists and military historians.

"Of the numerous search options available to visitors of the CWSS site, the one likely to be explored most often is the "Soldiers" link. Clicking on this link will open a search template in which one can key any combination of the following data: first and last name of the soldier, side in the war, state of origin, unit, and function (e.g. infantry, cavalry, engineers, etc.). The only required field is the surname field. The results are displayed so that the veteran's name and regiment are hypertext links. And this is where the magnificence of this online file begins to shine through.

SEARCH BY SOLDIER NAME

For help with the form, click on the question mark buttons.

Last Name Young ?	First Name ?
Union Or Confederate Union ?	State (Or Origin) Kentucky ?
Unit No. (Or Ordinal) ?	Function Infantry ?
Submit Query	Reset Query

Soldier Name Totals

6.3 million

To view status of soldier names by their states, etc.

Of the numerous search options available to visitors of the CWSS site, the one likely to be explored most often is the "Soldiers" link.

"Clicking on the veteran's name will reveal the specific data entered from the general service record index card. Explanatory browser windows are linked to four of the result fields so that the researcher, for example, knows what "alternative name" means in the context of this database. The National Archives microfilm and roll number are included so one can verify the keyed data.

"Clicking on the link to the veteran's regiment in the results list will provide one with a history of the regiment including muster in and muster out dates, the various other units to which the particular regiment was attached during the war, a detailed account of the regiments service history including the major battles in which it was engaged, and a listing of how many individuals from the unit were lost during the war including a breakdown of the number of officers and enlisted men, and the number who died from disease.

"Embedded in the regimental histories are hypertext links to detailed descriptions of the major battles in which each unit participated. Complementing the narrative history, one also learns if the battle was known by any other name (many did have multiple names), the dates of engagement, the location and campaign, the principal commanders, the forces engaged, and the casualties on both sides. Reading these battle histories can provide a researcher with a rather vivid picture of what life was like for an ancestor involved in those harrowing events as well as what strategies were being employed by those leading the campaigns. Each history concludes with whether the engagement was a

Report on the CWSS System (continued)

Confederate or Union victory and a source citation for the information provided.

"For many, the most significant link found on a regimental history page is the link to pull together a list of all the soldiers associated with the specific unit. When researching a military ancestor, knowing all the others who served in the unit or regiment creates the research opportunity to explore for letters and diaries that may have mentioned, described, or detailed life relating an ancestor who may not have kept a diary or written letters, or whose writings are no longer extant. Those willing to take the time to explore for the writings of others in an ancestor's unit are frequently rewarded.

"On the regimental history page, there is also a link to search for a specific soldier within a particular unit as well as a link to an online exhibit, "Symbols of Battle: Civil War Flags in the NPS Collections." Note that even the smallest unit that served for the shortest amount of time has a regimental history page. Certainly this part of the CWSS is worthy of thorough exploration.

"To complement the link to "Soldiers" on the main CWSS page, there are seven other major links and a number of lesser or minor links to useful information. The "Sailors" link provides one with access to data on approximately eighteen thousand African Americans who served with the Union navy. The records for these individuals are much more robust than the data gleaned from the general index cards. Typically the records for these African American sailors contain the sailor's name, birthplace, age, height, complexion, occupation, and naval service. The detailed muster records for many provide a useful insight into the locations and terms of service.

"There is a significant amount of additional information and research helps associated with the "Sailors" portion of the CWSS. There is a hypertext map one can use to discern the birthplaces of Union sailors of African American descent. It is an interesting way to search for and group African Americans who served in the navy during the war. Other links include related websites and a description of the records consulted for the data file.

"The "Regiments" and "Battles" links on the main CWSS page provide the researcher with an opportunity to both search for specific regiments and battles as well as obtain more information about both. The "Prisons" link provides a database of names and research information for Fort McHenry (a Confederate prison) and Andersonville (a Union prison). Unit designation and prison dates are part of the data associated with each prisoner. Poplar Grove National Cemetery is the only cemetery currently listed under the "Cemeteries" link though the National Park Service intends to eventually have data from all fourteen of the national cemeteries it manages. The significant amount of detail available for each burial includes a picture of each veteran's grave marker. The "Medals of Honor" is the last of the researchable data files available on the CWSS site and provide brief information about those who received this honor for service in the war.

"Besides the numerous data files which contain the names of 6.3 million War Between the States participants, the CWSS site also contains links to learn more about the participation of African Americans in the war, a "Researchers Toolbox" to provide information on obtaining records, "Stories of the Civil War," and materials for teachers to use in the classroom. The "Educate" link contains lesson plans, "curriculum connections," as well as CWSS and other related activities to teach young people about this important time in our country's history. The collection of related information is truly remarkable.

"The September celebration marking the completion of the soldiers data file of the CWSS also served to announce a new CWSS partner for the National Park Service--the National Geographic Society. National Geographic will be working with the National Park Service to enhance regimental histories and battle descriptions with digital mapping systems. These systems will put the researcher right at the battlefield, trace the movements of regiments engaged in a particular area, and put one right along side one's War Between the States ancestor. This exciting partnership will exploit the extraordinary power of technology as applied to historical research.

"Through one unified system, the CWSS is a number of inter-related and inter-linked data files that provide tremendous amounts of contexted data and detailed information for both the casual and the expert searcher. With continuing initiatives to add related databases to the CWSS and the tremendous partnership with the National Geographic Society, this website will continue to be a must-use resource for genealogists and students of military history."

Additional on the CWSS System : Information from Family Tree Magazine.

The new listing for all Union Army Civil War personnel has now been put on the internet by the Name Index Project of the National Park Service's Civil War Soldiers and Sailors System (CWSS) and can be assessed at the web site <www.itd.nps.gov/cwss>. Naval personnel will follow.

Family Group Record

Fri, Apr 29, 2005

Page 1

Husband: John Turner CLARK		
Born:	3 Oct 1784	Place: Westhampton, MA
Chr.:		Place:
Died:	1 Sep 1848	Place: Raymond, Racine Co, WI
Bur.:		Place: Raymond, Racine Co, WI
Marr:	11 Mar 1820	Place: Chautauqua Co, NY
Father: Solomon CLARK		Mother: Sarah TURNER
Wife: Rebecca ROGERS		
Born:	22 Jun 1797	Place: Sidney, Delaware Co, NY
Chr.:		Place:
Died:	5 Mar 1893	Place: E.S.Drake home, Bridgewater Twp, RC, MN
Bur.:	8 Mar 1893	Place: Northfield Cem, Rice Co, MN
Father:		Mother:
Sex Children	List each child (living or dead)	
M/F	in order of birth	
1.	Name: Almira A. CLARK	Spouse: Clinton FAY
F	Born: 2 Apr 1821	Place: Portland, Chatauqua Co, NY
	Chr.:	Place:
	Died: Abt 1800	Place:
	Bur.:	Place: Evergreen Cem, Brocton, CC, NY
	Marr: 1841	Place:
2.	Name: Sarah Ann CLARK	Spouse: George GREENE
F	Born: 13 Aug 1823	Place: Portland, Chatauqua Co, NY
	Chr.:	Place:
	Died: 26 Sep 1894	Place: Spring Prairie, Walworth Co, WI
	Bur.: Sep 1894	Place: Spring Prairie, Walworth Co, WI
	Marr: Abt 1842	Place: Raymond, WI
3.	Name: Solomon CLARK	Spouse: Diantha
M	Born: 22 Feb 1826	Place: Portland, Chatauqua Co, NY
	Chr.:	Place:
	Died:	Place:
	Bur.:	Place:
	Marr: 24 Dec 1846	Place:
4.	Name: Minerva B. CLARK	Spouse: Joseph DYKEMAN
F	Born: 15 Oct 1828	Place: Portland, Chatauqua Co, NY
	Chr.:	Place:
	Died: 25 Aug 1896	Place: Elkhorn, Walworth Co, WI
	Bur.: 27 Aug 1896	Place: Springfield, Walworth Co, WI
	Marr: 20 Dec 1869	Place:
5.	Name: Martha CLARK a twin	Spouse: Edwin Sumner DRAKE
F	Born: 11 Aug 1831	Place: Portland, Chatauqua, NY
	Chr.:	Place:
	Died: 7 Oct 1910	Place: Northfield, Rice Co, MN
	Bur.: 9 Oct 1910	Place: Northfield Cem, Northfield, Rice Co, MN
	Marr: Abt 1851	Place: Racine Co, WI
6.	Name: Maria CLARK a twin	Spouse: Rufus ROGERS
F	Born: 11 Aug 1831	Place: Portland, Chatauqua Co, NY
	Chr.:	Place:
	Died: 23 May 1920	Place:
	Bur.:	Place: , Pine Island, , MN
	Marr:	Place:
7.	Name: Joel R. CLARK	Spouse: Margaret UNKNOWN
M	Born: 9 Dec 1834	Place: Pomfret, NY
	Chr.:	Place:
	Died:	Place:
	Bur.:	Place: Lakeview Cem, Windom, MN
	Marr:	Place:
8.	Name: Homer H. CLARK Lieut.	Spouse: Sophronia MACOMBER
M	Born: 18 Mar 1839	Place: Pomfret, NY
	Chr.:	Place:
	Died:	Place:
	Bur.:	Place:
	Marr: 22 Oct 1862	Place: New Lisbon, WI

Husband: Joseph DRAKE		
Born: 3 Jan 1793	Place: East Chester, , NY	
Chr.:	Place:	
Died: 28 Apr 1857	Place: Bridgewater Twp, Rice Co, MN	
Bur.: 30 Apr 1857	Place: Northfield Cem, Northfield, Rice Co, MN	
Marr:	Place:	
Father: Joseph Rodman DRAKE Mother: Nancy BUTLER		
Wife: Ruth BON		
Born: Abt May 1788	Place: , , NY	
Chr.:	Place:	
Died: 31 Jul 1882	Place: Bridgewater Twp, Rice Co, MN	
Bur.: 2 Aug 1882	Place: Northfield Cem, Northfield, Rice Co, MN	
Father: John BON Mother: Jane P. WILLIAMS		
Sex Children	List each child (living or dead)	
M/F	in order of birth	
1.	Name: Joseph Reeves DRAKE Spouse: Betsey UNKNOWN	
M	Born: 20 Feb 1822	Place: Huron, Erie Co, OH
	Chr.:	Place:
	Died: 25 Feb 1875	Place: Bridgewater, Clay Co., IA
	Bur.: 27 Mar 1875	Place: Northfield Cem, Northfield, Rice Co, MN
	Marr:	Place:
2.	Name: Charles Bon DRAKE Spouse: Mary Fannie HUNT	
M	Born: 2 Jan 1825	Place: Huron, Erie Co, Ohio
	Chr.:	Place:
	Died: Jun 1901	Place: Bridgewater Twp, Rice Co, MN
	Bur.: Jun 1901	Place: Northfield Cem, Northfield, Rice Co, MN
	Marr: 28 May 1851	Place: Whitewater, Walworth Co, WI
3.	Name: Albert Wheeler DRAKE Spouse: Katherine M. WENTWORTH	
M	Born: 9 Oct 1826	Place: Huron, Erie Co, OH
	Chr.:	Place:
	Died: 31 Mar 1898	Place: Dickens, Clay Co, IA
	Bur.: Apr 1898	Place: Northfield Cem, Northfield, Rice Co, MN
	Marr: 10 Jun 1857	Place: Racine Co, WI
4.	Name: Edwin Sumner DRAKE Spouse: Martha CLARK a twin	
M	Born: 17 Aug 1828	Place: Huron, Erie Co, OH, (near Sandusky)
	Chr.:	Place:
	Died: 29 Apr 1909	Place: Northfield, Rice Co, MN
	Bur.: 1 May 1909	Place: Northfield Cem, Northfield, Rice Co, MN
	Marr: Abt 1851	Place: Racine Co, WI
5.	Name: Mary Melissa DRAKE Spouse: Daniel BUNDAY	
F	Born: 20 Aug 1830	Place:
	Chr.:	Place:
	Died: 3 Sep 1902	Place: Bruce, SD
	Bur.: 3 Sep 1902	Place: Bruce, SD
	Marr:	Place:

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These two group sheets show the relationship between the Clark and Drake families, some of the early settlers of Rice County in 1854.

2005 LIST OF TOWNSHIP CLERKS IN RICE COUNTY:

<u>TOWNSHIP:</u>	<u>NAME OF CLERK:</u>	<u>ADDRESS:</u>			<u>PHONE</u>
Bridgewater	C. Michael Piper	5340 124th Ct. East	Northfield	55057	507-645-9295
Cannon City	Dale Borgstahl	18221 Cabot Ave.	Faribault	55021	507-334-9090
Erin	Sharon Kaisershot	11560 Kanabec Trail	Montgomery	56069	507-364-5537
Forest	Stanley Burmeister	13591 Fox Lake Trail	Faribault	55021	507-334-7264
Morristown	Pamela Wagner	10461 Jacobson Path	Morristown	55052	507-685-2212
Northfield	Marjorie Randolph	11731 90th St. East	Northfield	55057	507-645-6079
Richland	David V. Derscheid	26300 Goodhue Ave.	Kenyon	55946	507-789-6654
Shieldsville	Jennifer Murphy	9742 Dodd Road	Kilkenny	56052	507-334-8092
Walcott	Benet Freund	4311 240th St. East	Faribault	55021	507-334-8655
Warsaw	Orville Wegner	1381 250th St. West	Faribault	55021	507-334-4591
Webster	Arnold Pavcek	6510 30th St. West	Elko	55020	952-652-2853
Wells	Marlene E. Pohl	15687 Dover Trail	Faribault	55021	507-332-8236
Wheatland	Clarence L. Salaba	9376 60th St. West	Lonsdale	55046	507-744-2274
Wheeling	Bill Bonde	12085 Nerstrand Blvd.	Nerstrand	55053	507-789-6717

2005 LIST OF CITY CLERKS IN RICE COUNTY:

<u>CITY:</u>	<u>NAME OF CLERK:</u>	<u>ADDRESS:</u>			<u>PHONE</u>
Dennison	Dawn Olson	37622 Goodhue Ave. P. O. Box 56	Dennison	55018	507-645-7732
Dundas	Linda Ripka	216 Railway St. No. P. O. Box 70	Dundas	55019	507-645-2852
Faribault	Lorri Smith	208 1st Ave. NW	Faribault	55021	507-334-2222
Lonsdale	Joel Erickson	115 Alabama St. SW P. O. Box 357	Lonsdale	55046	507-744-2327
Morristown	Virginia Schmidtke	P. O. Box 362	Morristown	55052	507-685-2302
Nerstrand	Doreen Quistorff	221 Main St. P. O. Box 161	Nerstrand	55053	507-332-8000
Northfield	Karl Huber, Jr.	801 Washington St.	Northfield	55057	507-645-8833

HELP WANTED

All members are encouraged to place queries with the RCGS. There is no charge and no limit to the numbers of queries per year. They will be printed as space permits and as soon as possible after they are received. Please type, print or write clearly. Words should be written in full to minimize errors. We may at our discretion use some abbreviations. Non-members will be charged a fee of \$5 per entry. In addition, we will print group sheets, ancestor charts, pedigree or Ahnentafel (European) charts, and descendant charts for people with Rice County connections - free for members, \$2 per sheet for non-members or we will print one free in connection with a non-member query submission. Again, they will be printed as space permits and as soon as possible after they are received.

NOTICE: When members have a news item, query, list of lines being searched, or any other notice of interest to the general membership, please give or send the item to Dorothy Chester Herkenratt, 2405 NW 2nd Ave., Faribault 55021 so that it can be included in the Newsletter.

Excerpts from the Wall Street Journal, 15 Sept, 2003 article "The Best Way to Write Your Family History" found on page R13:

In discussing various programs such as Family Tree Maker, Legacy Family Tree, Master Genealogist, etc.: "If you use a Macintosh, none of these programs will work. But Reunion (at LeisterPro.com) from Leister Productions Inc. of Mechanicsburg, Pa., is a robust, easy-to-use package for Macs. Whether you're printing or want an HTML file, Reunion offers a variety of options for publishing your family history."

They also suggest that looking for a map of an ancestor's state or hometown--as it looked when your ancestor lived there--try a map site such as those offered by the Library of Congress (LCWeb2.loc.gov/ammem/gmdhtml/gmdhome.html) or the University of TX at Austin (www.Lib.UTexas.edu/maps/index.html), which also has an extensive list of other historical-map sites (www.Lib.UTexas.edu/maps/map_sites/hist_sites.html).

Other websites of interest:

Wisconsin:

www.wisconsinhistory.org/wni

Wisconsin Name Index 1870-1970 contains obituaries, biographical sketches and newspaper articles. The sketches contain important genealogical information and many include a portrait.

www.wisconsinhistory.org/genealogy/ogrs/

Wisconsin Vital Records Search contains birth, marriage and death records issued before Oct. 1907. Often contain names and places of birth of parents.

www.wisconsinhistory.org/genealogy/ogrs/

Wisconsin Civil War Service Records contain hand-written pages from the Wisconsin Adjutant General's Regimental Muster and Descriptive Rolls (a.k.a. Red and Blue Books) held by the WI Historical Society Archives. Typically show the soldier's name, regiment, company, rank, and date of mustering (enrollment) into service. May also include a birthplace, age, residence, occupation, marital status, physical description, muster out date, and service notes (e.g. wounded, died, deserted, etc.).

For each of the above, submit your request and pay online with a credit card. Trained staff will locate the text, copy the relevant page(s) for the WI Name Index; search the indexes for requested individual plus two name variations (for marriage record requests, one name variation per bride and groom) for the Vital Records; and locate and make photocopies of appropriate hand-written pages from the Civil War Service Records. In each case, trained staff of experts will send copies to you within 28 days.

NOTE: There is an article of interest beginning on page 69 of the March/April 2005 AARP Magazine entitled "The Gene Pull: The curious joys and odd surprises of tracing your family tree" by Richard Rubin. If you don't receive the magazine, please plan to borrow a copy. It is well worth the time to read. (I found some issues had this article starting on page 76.)

New Temporary Rice County Veteran Services Officer: Jane Sammon Nicolai, an Army veteran and reservist, has been called to active duty. During her absence, Amy Lindsay will be serving as the temporary service officer for Rice County.

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION - RENEWAL FOR 2005

(Please print)

Name _____

Address _____

Phone () _____

Type of Membership:

☐ Individual

\$10 per calendar year

☐ Family

\$12 per calendar year

☐ I would like to make an additional donation of \$ _____ to
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